AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 6 as follows:

The disc read unit 1400 has a function of irradiating the optical disc 1200 with a laser and converting light reflected off the optical disc 1200 into an electric signal. (See the "Comparative Study with Conventional Playback Technology" section provided below. In Fig. [[6]] 7, the components from a lens 2 to a spindle motor 8 collectively correspond to the disc read unit 1400.)

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 11 as follows:

The audio playback unit 1600 has a function of reading audio data from the disc information storage unit 1500 and digital-to-analog converting the read audio data. (For details, see the "Comparative Study with Conventional Playback Technology" section provided below. In Fig. [[6]] 7, a DF-DAC circuit mainly corresponds to the audio playback unit 1600).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 28 through page 11, line 3 as follows:

Fig. 2 shows an example configuration of the disc information storage unit 1500. A description of the contents stored in the disc information storage unit 1500 will be described with reference to [[Fig. 3]] Figs. 3A and 3B.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 18 as follows:

The two error signals are supplied to a servo LSI 5. The servo LSI 5 carries out the focus servo based on the focus error signal, amplifies a control signal via a driver [[6]] 7, and controls the operation of the lens 2 or the optical pickup 3.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 25, line 28 through page 26, line 7 as follows:

As shown in Fig. 8, a plurality of 2-byte samples for left and right channels are alternately recorded on the CD-DA formatted disc and each block is composed of 2,352 bytes of audio data. In this example, the memory 10 accumulates audio data (music data and the like) only. The audio data accumulated in the memory 10 is digital-to-analog converted by the DF-DAC circuit [[52]] 11 and output to the audio output unit 9 as an analog audio signal.